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SUBJECT: FONMINISTER CARVAJAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON AYACUCHO MEETING

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 13, CHILEAN FONMIN ADMIRAL CARVAJAL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS ABOUT MEETING OF PRESIDENTS AND FONMINS IN LIMA/AYACUCHO.

2. ARMS LIMITATION. CARVAJAL CALLED THIS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT POINTS OF DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO. HE NOTED THAT PERU INITIATED IDEA, AND SAID "WE ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH A FREEZE. WHAT WE AGREED TO WAS LIMITATION, WHICH IMPLIES TAKING AN INVENTORY OF THE PRESENT ARMAMENT OF EACH COUNTRY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A REASONABLE LIMIT AND BALANCE OF OFFENSIVE ARMS." HE ADDED THAT CHILE HAS COMPLETE FAITH IN ASSURANCES OF PRES. VELASCO AND FONMIN DE LA FLOR THAT PERU HAS NO PROBLEMS PENDING WITH CHILE AND HAS NO INTENTION OF HARMING CHILE. IN APPARENT NON SEQUITUR, CARVAJAL SAID PERU HAS ARMS SUPERIORITY OVER CHILE, AND PERUVIAN ARMS ACQUISITIONS HAVE CAUSED CONCERN IN ALL COUNTRIES OF CONTINENT.

3. CUBA. CARVAJAL SAID PRES. VALASCO HAD PROPOSED SENDING  
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OF EMISSARIES TO CUBA TO PROTEST BEHAVIOR OF FONMIN ROA AT

MEETING. CARVAJAL EMPHASIZED ROA'S LACK OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND KNOWLEDGE OF DIPLOMATIC NORMS. SAID DE LA FLOR HAD ASSURED HIM AT QUITO THAT ROA WAS NOT RPT NOT COMING TO AYACUCHO; THAT GOVT OF CUBA HAD TOLD PERUVIAN AMB IN HAVANA WEEKS AGO THAT INVITATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED. CARVAJAL IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING THAT ROA WOULD BE INVITED TO BUENOS AIRES MEETING IN MARCH IF ROA ABANDONED HIS GROSS ATTITUDES AND STAYED WITHIN NORMS OF GOOD BREEDING; THAT SUBJECT IS BEING CONSIDERED BY LATAM FONOFFS; AND THAT ARGENTINE FONMIN VIGNES FAVORS INVITING CUBA TO BA MEETING "IF THERE IS CONSENSUS" AND IF ROA BEHAVES.

4. BOLIVIA. CHILE IS DISPOSED TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH BOLIVIA ON IMPROVEMENTS OF MOVEMENT OF BOLIVIAN COMMERCE THROUGH CHILEAN PORTS, WITHOUT CONDITION AS IN PAST OF PRIOR REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN ORDER TO HEAR BOLIVIAN CONCERNS, MEETING WILL BE HELD IN EARLY MONTHS OF 1975 (CARVAJAL TOLD AMBASSADOR IN FEBRUARY--REFTEL). GOC HAS NO OFFICIAL PROPOSALS FROM GOB, AND THEREFORE WE CANNOT TALK ABOUT AN EXIT TO THE SEA," BUT CHILE IS PREPARED FOR DIALOGUE.

5. COMMENT. DESPITE RHETORIC AND SOUND OF REASONABLENESS, SENSE OF CARVAJAL'S REMARKS IS TO INDICATE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE GOC WILL ACCEPT ANY MEANINGFUL ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT FIRST PERMIT CHILE TO IMPROVE MILITARY BALANCE WITH PERU. IN SAME VEIN, CHILE IS GOING OUT OF ITS WAY TO PROVIDE BOLIVIA WITH BENEFITS OF MARITIME COMMERCE, BUT THERE IS NO SIGN OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET BASIC BOLIVIAN DESIRE FOR ACCESS TO SEA VIA SOVEREIGN BOLIVIAN TERRITORY.  
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